The main objective of the proposed Biotechnology Development Fund would be to provide support in high growth, Biotech Ventures involving innovative products, services, processes, technologies aimed at futuristic or new markets in the focussed areas of Biotechnology.

Government owned steel plants

†2209. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of Government owned steel plants have not been able to achieve their production target;

(b) if so, the details of performance of each of the steel plant during the last three years;

(c) whehter Government propose to modernise most of the plants, with a view to increase their production capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) The performance of SAIL and RINL for the last 3 years was as under:

I. STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LTD. (SAIL)

Saleable Steel

Plant	1998-1999		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Target	Acutal	Target	Acutal	Target	Acutal
BSP	3615	3352	3270	3411	3500	3307
DSP	1588	1319	1532	1402	1520	1196
RSP	1390	1114	1238	1170	1490	1291
BSL	3062	2541	3210	3246	3430	3313
ASP	145	99	70	83	90	79
SSP	225	119	120	148	120	129
VISP	72	57	60	69	65	85

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Plant	1998-1999		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Target	Acutal	Target	Acutal	Target	Acutal
SAIL	10097	8602	9500	9530	10215	9703
IISCO	327	285	242	250	305	277

II. RASHTRIYA ISPAT NIGAM LTD. (RINL)

Item	1998-99 (Actual)		1999-2000 (Actual)		2000-2001 (Actual)	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
HOT METAL	3400	2510	3400	2943	3120	3165
LIQUID STEEL	2920	2225	2650	2656	2530	2909
SALEABLE STEEL	2580	1933	2305	2382	2217	2507
PIG IRON	346	240	675	251	530	258

(c) to (e) No major modernisation project of SAIL and RINL plants for increasing their capacity is under consideration of the Government at present in view of the current slump in the global steel market.

Revival of IISCO

2210. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of the Ministry of Steel to revive the sick Indian Iron and Steel Company with the help of Escrow account funds has been rejected;

(b) if so,the grounds for rejection; and

(c) whether there is any other proposal to revive the Indian Iron and Steel Company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Promotion of sports in Gujarat

2211. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state: